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CALL TO SCRAP CONTROVERSIAL £25 BIN CHARGE

Report by **Henry James**

AN extraordinary meeting of West Lancs Council's cabinet tonight (Wednesday) will discuss proposals to scrap the controversial £25 charge for residents who want a blue wheelie bin to collect glass, cans and plastic bottles.

The council is no longer collecting the majority of residents' blue boxes and is asking them instead to use blue wheelie bins, which come at a cost of £25.

The cabinet is also set to consider proposals to extend the July 16 deadline to October 31 for those residents who use blue boxes (or other containers) for paper and cardboard to order a green bin, free of charge.

The council says funding of £200,000 will be needed to fund blue and green wheelie bins to those properties that are using boxes or other containers or previously had a box until October 31.

If the proposals are approved residents who have purchased a blue wheelie bin since March 12 to replace a blue box or other containers, could be refunded.

Since March 12, when the service change was introduced, a total of 401 blue wheelie bins have been purchased by residents at a cost of £25, generating income of £10,025.

Councillor David Westley

Meanwhile the Conservative group at West Lancashire Borough Council has introduced a motion on the agenda for today's full council meeting opposing the council's decision to stop the collection of recyclables from blue boxes.

They are also against the introduction of a £25 charge for blue wheelie bins.

They want to see the continuation of collections from blue boxes and bags until the end of October 2018; residents to be able to have a blue wheelie bin free of charge; and a refund to all residents who have recently purchased a blue bin with the cost to be met from council reserves.

The motion has been included on the agenda by Conservative group leader, Councillor David Westley.

It reads: "When the Conservatives introduced the blue wheelie bin in 2013, it was offered free of charge to every property in the borough, although residents were also given the option of continuing to use their blue box and bag.

"The Conservatives have always seen refuse and recycling collections as essential frontline services, ones that should be funded from council tax and not by the imposition of additional charges.

"Earlier this year the Conservative Group welcomed the introduction of the brown wheelie bin for garden waste and the use of the green wheelie bin for paper and cardboard collections. In line with Conservative policy, the brown wheelie bin and green wheelie bins, for properties without one, were both provided free of charge.

"The recent decision to stop the collection of recyclables from blue boxes and blue bins together with the imposition of a £25 charge for a blue wheelie bin is contrary to the council's previous policy and unfair. Labour have allowed the recent changes to be slipped in under delegated authority without any democratic debate on what was a clear change in policy."

Police presence to be stepped up in Birch Green area following stabbing

Incident comes just weeks after knife attack near Concourse

POLICE are to increase their presence in Birch Green after a 34-year-old man was stabbed in the area in the underpass near to Woodland Primary School just before 11pm on Saturday, July 14.

The victim is said to be in a 'stable' condition at Aintree Hospital.

Officers are appealing for witnesses to the incident or anyone who may have witnessed any persons acting suspiciously in the area at the time.

The investigation team are also keen to hear from residents in the vicinity of the attack who have CCTV which may have captured something that would help them with their inquiries.

Vigilant

Following the incident Skelmersdale Police posted the following notice on their social media account: "Police would also like to offer reassurance as this appears to be an isolated incident.

"However, local residents are urged to remain vigilant at this time and report any suspicious activity to the police.

"Residents may also see an increased police presence in the area.

"Any information should be directed to DC 1092 Karen Harrison on 01695 566181 at Skelmersdale Police Station (quote log reference - LC-20180714-1928). Alternatively, members of the public can also provide information to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 quoting the same log reference."

Although police have described the latest stabbing as "an isolated incident", it comes just weeks after another knife attack in the town.

On Thursday, June 28 a man was stabbed by a gang close to the Concourse shopping centre in Skelmersdale between 1.30pm and 1.50pm in an attack described by police at the time as "shocking and brutal."

The victim, 20, was walking on a footbridge near to the shopping centre in Southway when he was approached from behind by several men.

He was stabbed in the back and both arms and was taken to hospital with what were described as "serious but not life-threatening injuries."

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Union suspends latest planned strike action on Northern Rail

Report by **Henry James**

Respite for passengers and hopes of an end to long-running dispute over role of guards as sides set to hold talks

A PLANNED strike by Northern Rail staff on Saturday (July 21) has been suspended to allow for talks.

The ongoing dispute, which has dragged on for more than 12 months, is over the role of guards on trains. But there will be some respite for fed-up passengers after the general secretary of the Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers union, Mick Cash called off the latest planned action.

He said: "RMT's negotiating team has been in talks with Northern over the past week in an attempt to seek a resolution to the long-running dispute. Reports from RMT representatives and correspondence from the company have set out a process for reconvening talks around proposals to set up a joint working party to consider a range of options on the deployment of on-board staff, including retaining a second safety critical person on board all Arriva Rail North trains.

"RMT's National Executive Committee has noted this situation and has stated that these talks must commence this week. Also, the union's NEC has instructed our team to negotiate around the guarantee of a second person on every train and their safety critical responsibilities in the first instance.

"As a result of this situation, the NEC has suspended the industrial action which was scheduled to take place on Saturday, July 21 and our members are instructed to work as normal on that date."

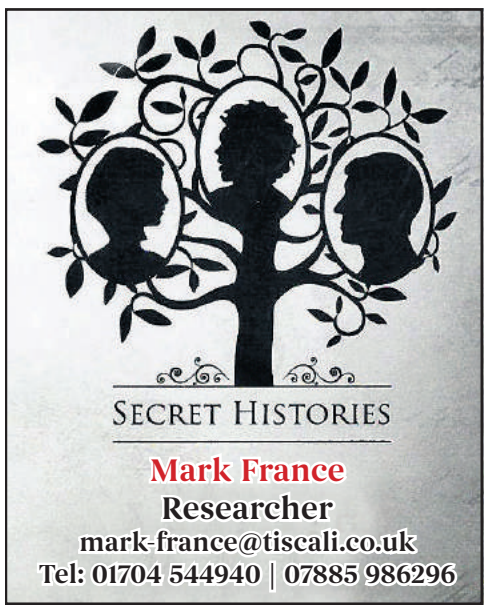
Richard Allan, deputy managing director for Northern, responded: "We are pleased the RMT has agreed to hold talks in a bid to resolve their ongoing dispute and has called off its strike action that was planned for Saturday, July 21.

"Northern is modernising local rail for customers, with £500m of new trains under construction, better stations and more services by 2020. We want to work with RMT to shape the future on-board role for colleagues to deliver better customer service."

Meanwhile there is hope that the driver-only dispute on Merseyrail can be resolved. At the recent meeting organised by The Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service (ACAS) both the RMT and Merseyrail discussed in detail the outcome of their recent joint workshops, which explored the RMT's hope of having a second safety critical member of staff on the new fleet of trains.

An ACAS joint statement said: "The outcome of the talks will remain confidential until such time that Merseytravel have had time to give these their due consideration. Following this, it is anticipated that both the RMT and Merseyrail will meet for at least one further meeting with ACAS to discuss the considerations from Merseytravel."

Passengers on Northern Rail services will be spared more disruption after the RMT union called off its planned strike on Saturday.



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Local Poundworld stores escape the axe - for now

WEST Lancashire's Poundworld stores are not on the latest list of sites set to close this weekend - but their future remains uncertain.

The struggling discount retailer, which has stores at the Concourse in Skelmersdale and at The Hattersley Centre in Ormskirk, announced the closure of 105 stores last week.

The number of Poundworld stores, which will continue to trade is 230. A total of another 80 stores are to close with the loss of more than 1,000 jobs.

This follows the closure of 25 stores, announced on July 10, resulting in more than 240 employees being made redundant.

The administrators of Poundworld, Deloitte, said the closures will not have an impact on the selling of the business with discussions continuing with interested parties.

In June the discount chain failed to find a buyer and went into administration.

Clare Boardman, joint administrator, commented: "Whilst we remain hopeful that a sale for part, or parts, of the business can still happen, it has not been possible to sell the business as a whole.

"We would like to thank all the employees for their continued support and commitment during this difficult time. We are keeping staff appraised of developments as they happen."

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Men-Aces couple's towering achievement!

Daring duo tackle 560ft abseil challenge to raise £2,000 for team

Report by **Henry James**

INTREPID husband-and-wife team Carl and Mim Eaton have completed another fantastic fundraising feat.

The dynamic duo, coaches of the Skem Men-Aces disability football team, abseiled down the 560ft Spinnaker Tower in Portsmouth - despite Carl being a leg amputee and having spina bifida and curvature of the spine!

He also had to overcome his fear of heights to raise a much-needed £2,000 for the team.

Mim said: "We wanted an event that would really capture everyone's imagination, so we jumped into the team mini bus with several players and ventured down to Portsmouth.

"The Spinnaker Tower is open to all sides and has views to the Isle of Wight and beyond.

"People might think this was no big deal but Carl is petrified of heights, as well as being a leg amputee and having spina bifida and curvature of the spine."

Mim, who had to guide Carl all the way, added: "It's been a nervous few weeks for both of us, but particularly Carl. He suffered from nightmares and panic attacks.

"It was so hard to see him go through this and many times he was going to throw in the towel but I told him to just take it step-by-step, get to Portsmouth, see the tower, get to the top and take it from there.

"This was the hardest thing we have ever done, both physically and mentally. Carl was shaking badly and had beads of sweat dripping down his neck.

● **Above: The imposing 560ft Spinnaker Tower.**
● **Top left: Carl Eaton pictured during his abseil.**
● **Left: Back on terra firma Carl and Mim proudly show off their medals**

"People looked like ants below but once we got the rhythm and relaxed it was a bit easier.

"When got down Carl was exhausted and flopped into a waiting chair while all the lads gathered around with hugs and praise."

Meanwhile members of the Men-Aces will be holding another fundraising event on Saturday, August 4 when they will be completing a Track Marathon challenge by running 26 miles around the sports pitch at Edge Hill University as a team.

They are looking for donations of energy drinks and fruit for the event and anyone who can help is asked to email jegthepeg1@hotmail.co.uk or call 07444 414 339.

The 'blue light' team at West Lancs Probation Service including Tom and James who carried the blue torch to Chorley

Town's probation service workers shine a light on staff welfare initiative

MEMBERS of the National Probation Service based in Skelmersdale have taken part in a special torch relay scheme to promote the importance of protecting the physical and mental health and wellbeing of persons working for the emergency and essential services.

The torch from the Our Blue Light initiative could be seen in the town on Tuesday, July 10.

During the event at Skelmersdale, there was also a mini sports competition.

Then James Bradshaw and Thomas Coughlan, probation service officers based in the town took the torch on a tandem bike to the Chorley probation office.

Nicola Wilson-Gill, probation officer at the National Probation Service in Skelmersdale, said: "Our Blue Light is all about improving the emotional and mental health of emergency staff.

"The scheme started with the paramedics and it has grown to the police, fire service and more recently prison service and probation office.

"It is a stressful job being a probation officer and staff have to take care of each other. We also look out for each other. The employer has recognised how important schemes like this are.

"This is the first year the National Probabtion Service has had the torch and it is quite a big deal."

After Chorley the torch was due to be passed on to Preston and Blackpool where the Blackpool Tower will be lit up blue to promote the initiative.

Visitors flock to a previous Green Fayre at Beacon Country Park.

Green Fayre set to return to Beacon Country Park

WEST Lancashire's Green Fayre, which celebrates the countryside and countryside living and attracts thousands of visitors each year, returns this weekend.

It will be held on Saturday and Sunday, July 21 and 22 at Beacon Country Park in Up Holland.

At the heart of the fayre are the craft and working woodlands displays with a variety of different exhibitors and traders showcasing a wide range of traditional crafts and techniques, working natural materials into products and goods that people use in day-to-day life.

There are also a wide range of animal displays at the show - falconry, horse and dog shows in the arena, static owl and birds of prey displays, and even a petting farm allowing people close-up experiences of a range of animals.

The show is also attended by a range of wildlife and animal welfare charities and organisations providing residents with more information on how they can help look after animals both at home and in the wild.

Another big part of the show is the Viking encampment that overlooks Skelmersdale. Those who attend can visit their tented village and find out more about day-to-day Viking life.

Activities

A spokesman for West Lancs Council said: "There is loads for families to do at the show. As well as all the crafts and exhibits, there are a full range of adventurous activities for you to try your hand at including climbing, abseiling, caving, shooting, archery and bushcrafts!

"And if that isn't your cup of tea, there are also bouncy castles, trampolines, donkey rides and traditional funfair rides to enjoy."

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Campaigners call for halt to fracking until new research report is complete

Report by **Kenny Parker**

CAMPAIGN group Moss Alliance has called for all fracking in the county to be put on hold until newly-commissioned research is completed.

Energy company Cuadrilla says it expects to begin extraction of shale gas by fracking at Little Plumpton in Fylde later this year, and a planning application is soon to be submitted by Aurora Energy Resources to do the same at Altcar Moss in West Lancs.

But the Government-financed Natural Environment Research Council and the Economic & Social Research Council have announced £7.6m funding for programmes to provide "an independent scientific evidence base to understand potential environmental and socio-economic impacts of unconventional hydrocarbon extraction."

And the Royal Society and Royal Academy of Engineering also recently announced that they are to review their 2012 report on shale gas which is said to have been relied on by the Government in their support for the fossil fuel extraction industry.

Moss Alliance, a collective of groups opposed to fracking in Altcar Moss, says that the latter review will not be published until later this year when fracking may already have commenced at Preston New Road and is calling for an immediate moratorium.

Moss Alliance's 'Auntie Fracking' scarecrow featured at the Halsall Scarecrow Festival to raise awareness of the campaign.

The campaign group also highlight a recent report by Professor Peter Styles, a former Government adviser, which shows that fracking within coal mining areas could be disastrous and the historical data relating to them has been "overlooked" by the industry.

A spokesperson for the Moss Alliance said: "Fracking has been banned or moratoriums are in place in the rest of the UK. If the Scottish Government can impose a moratorium while they investigate fracking for themselves why do we in England find ourselves under imposition of fracking when this long-overdue review of this outdated report is only now about to commence?"

A spokesperson for the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy said: "Cuadrilla have submitted an application for Hydraulic Fracturing Consent at their Preston New Road site, Lancashire.

" This is being considered and all relevant matters will be taken into account as part of the decision-making process. It would be inappropriate to comment further at this time."

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Mill plays host to school's budding photographers

Report by **Henry James**

Ruth Moxon, talent acquisition country manager, takes pupils from Our Lady Queen of Peace School through the papermaking process

SKELMERSDALE Mill SCA Hygiene Products in Pimbo played host to a group of budding young photographers from Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Engineering College.

Six Year Nine students visited the site and took photos of the machinery and factory environment as part of their GCSE photography course work.

Sarah Calderbank, geography teacher and STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) co-ordinator, who was one of the teachers who accompanied the students, said: "It was a great opportunity to allow students to learn about the manufacturing process through photography."

Opportunity

One of the students, James Jackson, said: "It was great to view machinery from a photography perspective."

Lily Hegarty added: "I didn't realise before the visit how complex the process was and the type of machinery involved."

Ruth Moxon, talent acquisition country manager UK, who is responsible for talent management, recruitment and selection, said: "When we were asked by the school if they could base part of their GCSE project on our machinery and environment, we thought it would be a wonderful opportunity for the students to view the manufacturing process through the eye of a lens.

"Often a photo may draw out an image that creates a different meaning to what we may see when working in a process focussed environment on a daily basis. We are really excited to view the finished photos to see how the students have interpreted what they saw on their visit."

Sophie Skilling (right) and friends at one of their get-togethers at Park Children's Centre.

Mums group celebrate Breastfeeding Awareness Week

MEMBERS of Skelmersdale's Bump to Boob group held a special get-together to celebrate to National Breastfeeding Awareness Week.

The group, which meets every Friday from 10.30am at the Park Children's Centre in Barnes Road, was set up by Sophie Skilling a year ago.

Sophie said: "I decided to set up the group as there was a lack of any breastfeeding groups in the town.

"Since we launched, local mums have really got behind the group and between 10 and 15 take part every week from all over West Lancashire. Peer support is very important to mums.

"We are also supported by FAB (Families and Babies) a charity group who come to support us every week.

"I can bring my own experience to the group as I have breastfed three children."

Meanwhile on Friday, August 3 the Skelmersdale group will be celebrating the Global Big Latch On.

This is where women gather together to breastfeed and offer peer support to each other with family, friends and communities all welcome to go along and join the celebration to promote and support breastfeeding.

Skelmersdale U3A group welcomes new members

THE next monthly meeting of the Skelmersdale University of the Third Age (U3A) group will be held tomorrow (Thursday, July 19) at the Ecumencial Centre in Northway starting at 2.15pm when the guest speaker will be Susan Green from the Woodland Trust.

Entrance fee is £1, which includes a cup of tea and new members are always welcome.

Later this month the History Group will visit historic Lathom Chapel.

For further information about the group contact the secretary, Alice on 01695 729998; log on to u3asites.org.uk/skelmersdale; or see the Facebook page.

Artz for All shortlisted at regional enterprise awards

ARTZ for All C.I.C, which is based in Skelmersdale, just missed out on the Social Enterprise of the Year award at the 2018 E3 Business Awards.

The prestigious event was staged at the Macron Stadium in Bolton where the winners were announced in front of an audience of nearly 500 delegates from organisations across the North West.

Artz for All C.I.C is a social enterprise which works to provide its local community with fun and innovative opportunities in the world of theatre and the performing arts.

To reach the finals, all nominees had to first make a written submission, followed by interviews with an independent judging panel.

From the many hundreds of entries submitted to the organisers, the judges produced a shortlist of just 55.

The awards featured 16 categories in all, with some candidates appearing as finalists in more than one.

Speaking on behalf of organisers, 1 Events Media, managing director Mubarak Chati, said: "It's an eye-opening experience to see the year's award nominations come in.

"We've seen businesses that have grown exponentially; new start-ups that have taken the market by storm. We've seen breathtaking innovation, and we've seen social enterprises displaying the most amazing determination to improve the quality of people's lives.

"I'm proud that the E3 Awards are helping to celebrate our finalists' efforts. They're creating jobs and training opportunities, they're building new supply chains and they're changing the direction of people's lives.

"They are helping to put money and pride back into neighbourhoods and, collectively, they're enabling the region to compete on the international stage. In short, they embody everything the E3 Awards stand for: Enterprise, Education and Employment."

Nursing home team hails summer fayre success

MANAGEMENT at the Stocks Hall nursing home in Skelmersdale have hailed this year's Summer Fayre a fantastic success.

Staff and residents of the home in Whitemoss Road, West Gillibrands were joined by family, friends and members of the local community for a bumper afternoon of entertainment.

Professional singer and artist Golden Aged Songbird got proceedings underway with a medley of memorable hits from the 1930s, 40s and 50s.

And with the sun shining, refreshments flowing and the smell of freshly cooked BBQ filling the air, guests relaxed together in the home's gardens.

A host of any stalls offered everything from cakes to ice creams while the bouncy castle proved a popular choice with younger visitors to the event.

Guests were also treated to a spectacular performance by talented local cheerleading group, Dauntless Cheer.

Billed as 'bold, brave, fearless and fierce', they wowed the audience with impressive routines containing components of tumbling, dance, jumps, cheers and stunting.

Ultra Ballroom performers, Carol McKenna - a nurse at the home - and husband, Tommy, rounded of the fun-packed occasion. Dressed in full ballroom attire, the fleet-footed couple showcased their Ultra Ballroom routine dancing the waltz sequence.

A spokesman for Stocks Hall said: "Everyone had a great day it was very clear to see with smiles, laughter and joy all around. "The turnout was fantastic and community spirit was high, with both new and seasoned visitors to the home enjoying themselves.

"The Summer Fayre was a truly special and memorable day."

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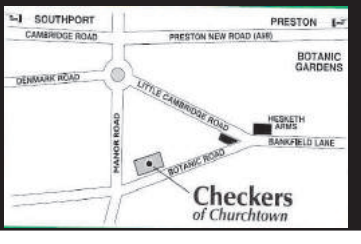

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Villagers raise safety concerns over HGVs on narrow roads

Report by **Henry James**

Moss Lane in Barrow Nook - one of the roads residents claim is being used by HGVs exceeding weight limit and speed restrictions and putting pedestrians and other road users at risk.

ANGRY residents in a West Lancs village and neighbouring hamlet claim speeding, overweight heavy goods vehicles are putting pedestrians and other road users at risk.

Neighbours in Bickerstaffe and Barrow Nook have taken to the streets to take photographs of the HGVs which they believe are over the 7.5 tonne weight restriction.

They also claim that many of the vehicles are exceeding the speed limit and either mounting the pavements as they negotiate the narrow country roads or forcing other vehicles to do so - particularly along Barrow Nook Lane, Moss Lane and Coach Road.

Damage

One of the residents, who did not want to be named, told the Champion: "The problems with HGV vehicles are seven days a week and on a 24-hour basis And it seems to have got worse recently.

"We believe some of these vehicles are above the permitted 7.5 tonne weight and are also exceeding the speed limit."

The resident said the volume of HGV traffic in the village had increased massively with some believed to be going to and from local topsoil suppliers, Draper R Ltd. in Bickerstaffe.

"When two of these vehicles try to pass each other, it's like a scene from the 1950s film *Hell Drivers*. It's not safe for residents to walk along the pavements. Recently someone died after going under an HGV vehicle just down the road in Rainford.

"The drivers seemingly have no regard to any damage they cause to the landscape either. Many of the wagons are uncovered and lose their aggregate as they drive by. "

The residents have been monitoring the situation and plan to send their photos to the highways authority, Lancashire County Council.

A county council spokesman said that enforcement of speed and weight limits is the responsibility of the police.

However, he added: "We're aware of concerns about speeding in this area and are due to discuss these in the next of our regular meetings with the police our approach to issues with excessive speed on the 40mph section of Sineacre Lane.

"There is a 7.5 tonne environmental weight limit on the roads surrounding Barrow Nook, and while this does not apply to vehicles above this weight which need to access this area for pick-ups and deliveries, we are monitoring the situation as we are aware of concerns about other vehicles using these roads as a through-route.

"If people have concerns about speeding in a particular area, or information about vehicles ignoring weight limits, we would ask them to contact us."

Draper R Ltd. has been contacted for comment.

Debbie Markland from the Co-operative Bank who took the donation to Leigh fire station

Bank staff 'do their bit' for fire fighters tackling moorland blaze

STAFF at the Co-operative Bank's Delf House office in Skelmersdale 'did their bit' to help fire fighters tackling the moorland blaze at Winter Hill by organising a collection of bottled water and sun cream.

The donations were passed on to fire fighters based at Leigh station to offer them welcome support and relief as they battled the wildfire in soaring temperatures.

Bev Heyman from the Co-operative Bank said: "The staff were very grateful for our donations and wanted to say thanksto our colleagues for their support."

Veterans group to be local Poppy Appeal representative

MEMBERS of Skelmersdale Veterans' Association have been asked by the Royal British Legion to become the new local representatives for their Poppy Appeal.

The association are promoting a poppy that people can put on lamp posts around the town to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War.

Alan Lewis, chairman of Skelmersdale Veterans' Association, said: "As the centenary of the end of the First World War approaches, communities across the UK are thinking about how they can commemorate and bring people together.

"This Poppy Appeal scheme will help communities celebrate in their own way and help them remember those who went to war and did not return.

"We hope our event will bring the local community together as one in remembrance.

"Every single penny raised through the selling of these poppies counts. Everything we do enables the Royal British Legion to continue their amazing work, which includes providing lifelong support to the armed forces community, such as serving men, women, veterans and their families, who need their help.

"I look forward to working with the council in the run-up to the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War."

● *Vets' Armed Forces Weekend success - Page 9.*

Children trying out the new outdoor aeroplane seesaw at St James' Catholic Primary School

Youngsters delighted with latest addition to school's outdoor play area

YOUNGSTERS in the Foundation Stage Unit at St James' Catholic Primary School are pictured enjoying their new outdoor aeroplane seesaw, donated by local hygiene and health products company, Essity.

Foundation Stage teacher, Miss Dickson said: "Mr Norton, a grandfather of one of the children in our unit, kindly applied for a donation for the school through his workplace, Essity.

"We would like to say a massive thank-you to both Mr Norton and Essity.

"We have recently updated our outdoor area and the new addition of the seesaw aeroplane has added another area of imaginative learning."

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Summer holiday travel tips for people with diabetes

HEALTH professionals in Lancashire are encouraging people with diabetes to make sure they travel safely this summer by managing their medication carefully.

The Diabetes Team at Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust is encouraging members of the public living with Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes who are planning a trip to ensure they have researched the area they are visiting and can plan accordingly for their medication needs.

Pam Tetlow from the trust's Diabetes Service, said: "At this time of year, it's so important to make sure members of the public with diabetes know the effects that weather and travelling can have on their condition.

"Many people will be familiar with these precautions, but it's still critical to communicate the message about travelling safely and getting to know your body, so you stay healthy and fit.

"If you need advice about any of the above or to talk to someone, contact the local team responsible for your care."

Top tips to remember when travelling:

- Insulin freezes, so if you are flying, you need to carry your insulin in your hand luggage along with a note from your GP or your local diabetes service for security purposes
- Heat increases the rate insulin is absorbed by your body
- Different time zones will affect your normal meal times
- Always check your insurance will fully cover any issues you may have relating to diabetes whilst abroad
- Look after your feet on holiday. Don't walk barefoot on the sand and always use sun cream on your feet to avoid sun burn.

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Vets' Armed Forces Fun Weekend goes down great guns!

THIS year's Skelmersdale Veterans' Association's Military Armed Forces Fun Weekend held at Blaguegate playing fields on Saturday and Sunday, July 14 and 15 went down great guns with a packed programme of events and attractions.

Among the guests of honour was the Lord Lieutenant of Lancashire, Charles Kay-Shuttleworth who attended on the Sunday and spoke about the importance of veterans' groups.

Exhibits by the Military Trust Vehicle Display, the Army Reservists Units and the Royal British Legion were among attractions enjoyed by visitors; youngsters could enjoy exploring a fire engine and there was also a motorcycle and trike scooter show.

Other highlights included re-enactments by Historia Normannis, an Armed Forces Village, trade stalls, a tombola and a climbing wall.

Chairman of Skelmersdale Veterans' Association, Alan Lewis, said: "This year's Armed Forces Weekend was a spectacular and colourful event, with an exciting and packed programme for the whole family to enjoy and get involved in, as well as an opportunity to show our support to the Armed Forces.

"We would like to thank Lord and Lady Shuttleworth for giving up their weekend to support the association and our Armed Forces Weekend.

"Thanks also to a number of firms that supported the event, including Skelmersdale Taxis, Walkers crisps, Hotter shoes, Procter and Gamble, and Skelmersdale Action for Youth; and to West Lancs Borough Council and Skelmersdale Police for their support."

Above: Guest of honour Lord Shuttleworth (4th from right) is welcomed by members of the Skelmersdale Veterans' Association.

Fundraising volunteers at the tombola stall (l-r) Earl Austin, Dave Knowles, Paul Dutton and John Roberts.

Below: Deputy Mayor of West Lancs, Councillor Gaynar Owen browses one of the stalls while great nephew, Brandon, tries on a military helmet watched by Skelmersdale Veterans' Association president, Peggy Nind and chairman, Alan Lewis

Councillor claims new hospital proposal is a smoke screen for cuts

Report by **Henry James**

THE possibility of building a new hospital somewhere between Southport and Ormskirk floated by local NHS trust chiefs has been described as a "smoke screen for further cuts" by a West Lancs county councillor.

Councillor John Fillis, deputy leader of the Labour group on Lancashire County Council, who represents the Skelmersdale East ward, believes the issue will see local communities in conflict once again while the trust goes ahead with its closure plans of vital services.

Cllr. Fillis, said: "The rhetoric is positive but the reality is a failing trust that has closed cancer services, has people lying on trolleys in A&E and has seen services being lost to private contractors.

"We have also had a series of management scandals destroying confidence in their ability to deliver. This is just a smoke screen for further cuts to our National Health Service.

"The split site services review that established the current service provision (April 1, 1999) was wrong then and the report by the Northern England Clinical Senate, confirms that it is wrong now.

County Councillor John Fillis

"The whole process was gerrymandered when they introduced 'visitors' to Southport as an excuse to establish the A&E there.

"The trust is now using the elderly to push through further closures at the Ormskirk Hospital under the discredited 'hot and cold site' scenario.

"At the time of the last review local people were promised improvement in public transport and highways and the facts is that things have got worse."

Cllr. Fillis, added: "What we need is a new super hospital built in Skelmersdale, which already has excellent highway links to Ormskirk and Southport via the new A5758.

Promises

"The M58 motorway link would also enable fast links to regional services in Merseyside, Greater Manchester and Lancashire, while Southport Hospital could become a rehabilitation and hospital for the elderly."

"The Conservative Government is underfunding our health services by £34m according to the Acute Sustainability Progress Report, 2017/18.

"Despite constant promises it is clear that this Government is preparing its trusts to cut local services once again, by misleading local people.

"Our National Health Service is one of the most cost-effective in the world, saving not only lives but billions of pounds in comparison to the private sector. The Acute Sustainability Progress Report fails to take this into account."

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College celebrates opening of new £2m 'centre of excellence'

Report by **Henry James**

OFFICIALS of West Lancashire College were joined by key partners to celebrate the official opening of the college's state-of-the art £2m Construction, Engineering and Logistics Centre in Skelmersdale.

Members of the college management team were joined by governors, local employers, stakeholders and colleagues, who have supported the development of the new centre.

Mark Whitworth, chief executive officer of Peel Ports Group and chair of the College Board, officially opened the centre, and visitors were given a tour of the new facility.

The new centre provides facilities in which carpenters, bricklayers, electricians, engineers, motor mechanics, logistics operatives, plasterers and plumbers of the future can learn their skills in realistic working environments.

The college has said it's "crucial" that they cater for the needs of the young people and adults of the region, enabling them to gain the vocational skills that employers expect.

Mark Whitworth unveils the plaque to officially open the new Construction, Engineering and Logistics facility.

Principal, Denise Williamson, said: "Our vision is to create a centre of excellence in construction, engineering and logistics. We offer an extensive range of new training programmes that meet the needs of the area and enhance our current offer, including new provision in warehousing, business logistics, driving goods vehicles and clean engineering.

"We have some world-class manufacturing, logistics and engineering companies in the area and our new innovative centre will specialise in courses to meet industry needs and ensure that students develop the confidence and skills to walk straight into a career.

"I am delighted that our new centre is now officially open and would like to thank Mark Whitworth, chair of the College Board and CEO of Peel Ports Group who performed the official opening, as well as the College Board members and NCG who have supported us in this exciting development."

Mark Whitworth, added: "I was very pleased to officially open the Construction, Engineering & Logistics Centre. The college is committed to becoming a centre of excellence for logistics and the new facilities are central to the delivery of this objective."

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Health commissioning group earns annual assessment 'good' rating

Report by **Henry James**

THE NHS WEST Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group has been rated as 'good' following an annual assessment by NHS England.

Assessments for 2017/18 by NHS England provide each clinical commissioning group in the country with an evaluation of their performances based against indicators in the CCG Improvement and Assessment Framework (CCG IAF).

This framework aligns key objectives and priorities as part of their aim to deliver their Five Year Forward View.

On this basis, the assessors have rated NHS West Lancashire as 'good' - the second highest rating available.

The rating, made this week, praised the progress that the West Lancs group has made in the following areas:

- Its "excellent" work around cancer, dementia, diabetes and mental health.
- The continued excellent relationship with Southport and Formby CCG and strong working relationships with Southport and Ormskirk NHS Hospital Trust and Lancashire Care Foundation Trust.
- Delivering their financial plan for 2017/18 despite some unexpected pressures in the year.

NHS WEST Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group chief officer, Mike Maguire

It also acknowledged the challenges faced by the CCG in the year ahead including:

- To further develop the work on cancer screening and 62-day diagnosis, mental health work specifically around children and young people and preparedness for next winter.
- Progress work to improve the uptake on personal health budgets.

'Dedication'

Mike Maguire, chief officer at NHS West Lancashire CCG, said: "I am very proud of the team here for their hard work and dedication in ensuring that we achieved our 'good' rating, which is an improvement over the previous 12-months rating.

"I am well aware that as a CCG we face a number of challenges in the year ahead to ensure that we provide the best health and social care for the people of West Lancashire, but as an organisation we are prepared for this challenge."

The NHS England annual assessment information is available on their website at https://www.england.nhs.uk/commissioning/regulation/ccg-assess/iaf/.

■ CCG invite feedback on draft policies - Page 18.

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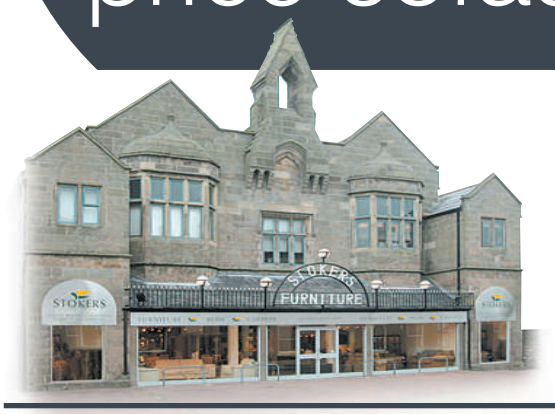

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Summer break for computer drop-in sessions

THE Burscough Hub Group's popular computer help sessions are taking a summer break.

The weekly drop-in sessions, held on Wednedays between 10am and noon at the Methodist Church in Orrell Lane, Burscough, are designed to help technology 'novices' learn computer skills.

After today's session (July 18) there will be no further classes until Wednesday, September 5 after which it is planned to continue to hold them until mid-December.

The organisers are also planning a programme of sessions on particular topics as requested by their users so by going along in September you can help to shape the courses on offer.

For more information contact Cynthia on 01704 895247.

Public invited to charity's 10th birthday party

WEST Lancs-based charity, Sporting Challenge, is inviting members of the public to help celebrate its 10th anniversary party on Saturday, July 21.

The event, starting at 7.30pm at the Royal British Legion in Lord Street, Burscough, will include a disco, buffet and raffle.

Tickets, priced £5, are available from the charity's activities organiser, Edward McCarthy on 07971 299606 or by email at edwardatemss@gmail.com.

Meanwhile, the charity has recently been awarded £1,600 from Yorkshire Building Society's Charitable Foundation.

The money will be used for session booking costs, coach hire for a short break in the Lake District and also games for Nintendo Switch.

Ormskirk scientist in running for charity's 'Rising Star' accolade

Work on developing new drug to combat macular disease earns Simon second successive nomination for national award

A SCIENTIST from Ormskirk has been shortlisted for a national award for the second consecutive year.

Dr Simon Clark, is one of the nominees for this year's Macular Society Awards for Excellence.

The 38-year-old has been shortlisted in the Rising Star of the Year category of the leading sight loss charity's top awards for his pioneering research into macular disease.

Dr Clark, who is based at the University of Manchester's Faculty of Biology, Medicine and Health, also made the shortlist in 2017.

His work has focused on the links between a person's complement system, part of the immune system, and macular disease. Extensive laboratory work has helped Dr Clark and his team gain a much greater understanding of macular disease and they have developed a new drug for the condition called Coalexin which is set to begin clinical trials in the next two years.

Dr Clark has also been praised for his editorial and scientific contributions to a number of respected scientific journals, as well as his close collaboration with other universities throughout the world, including in Denmark, the Netherlands and the USA.

Dr Simon Clark

And he has been helping to inspire budding scientists by regularly hosting students at his laboratory, enabling them to learn more about macular disease.

Dr Clark said: "It's really humbling to have been shortlisted again. The thought that the work I'm doing could lead to a major breakthrough in the treatment of macular disease is what gets me out of bed in the morning - it's a real honour to be doing this.

"By 2020 we'll hopefully be in a position to start the first phase of clinical trials of the new treatments we've been working on. The trial could last for a number of years, and of course there are no guarantees and we have to be cautious, but if it's successful, it could be a major step forward."

If he is chosen as one of the winners Dr Clark will receive his award at the Macular Society's national annual conference in London in September.

Now in its 10th year, the Macular Society Awards for Excellence celebrates inspirational work done to provide services and care for people with macular disease all over the UK.

Rising Star of the Year is one of five honours handed out by the charity. There are also prizes for Clinical Service of the Year; Optician/Optometrist of the Year; a Chairman's Award for Volunteering, and Chairman's Award for Fundraising.

The Macular Society is the national charity for anyone affected by central vision loss. Age-related macular degeneration (AMD) is the most common cause of sight loss in the UK, affecting more than 600,000 people. It is estimated that by 2050, around 1.3 million people will have AMD.

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The Mayor with organisers and acts who took part in the Burscough's Got Talent event to raise awareness of mental health issues

Talent show gets people talking about mental health - and raises £2,500!

A TALENT contest which aimed to break down barriers and allow people to talk about their own mental health issues raised more than £2,500 for mental health charity Mind.

Burscough's Got Talent was organised by local resident, Stephen Cliff, who was moved by the suicides of three young people in the area, including his friend Joe Whittle from Ormskirk who sadly took his own life in January.

The event was opened by Mayor of West Lancashire, Councillor Noel Delaney and 12 local acts then took to the stage to showcase their talent - including singers, an illusionist and some 'cheeky' balloon dancers.

Eventual winner was singer/guitatrist, Sam Simpson from Ormskirk.

Stephen Cliff said he was "really touched" by how many people from the community - including the performers - came together with their own stories and experiences of mental health.

He said: "The event was a great success not just in terms of fundraising but also in spreading the message that 'It's OK not to be OK' and encouraging others to seek help in their hour of need.

"I went on stage myself - even though it was difficult - and spoke about my own battles with depression, anxiety and bulimia. I hoped this would encourage others to talk and not feel ashamed.

The 36-year-old, who also founded social media page, The Real Burscough Community Forum, added: "The most beautiful thing was how barriers that exist in society about mental health were broken down for the evening. Every performer had a story to tell and this allowed others to feel comfortable in expressing how they feel."

Stephen was helped to organise the event by Rachel Fishlock from Scarisbrick and say they now hope to set up two events each year to continually support those who are finding it hard to cope

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Champion LETTERS to the Editor

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Why are local petrol prices among the highest in country?

I WOULD like to query why Ormskirk petrol and diesel prices are consistently amongst the highest in the country, currently rivalling the centre of London.

My job involves a lot of travelling and I require to fuel up all around the UK yet would make a special effort to avoid filling up at any petrol station within or adjacent to Ormskirk.

As a case in point, recent diesel prices in the four filling stations in or near Ormskirk (County Road, M58 roundabout and two in Burscough) were all selling at 134.9 or higher.

Asda in Aintree were at 126.9 and the two A580 stations were at 127.9.

Given an average car holding 40 litres that means that drivers filling up in Ormskirk are paying more to the tune of £150 a year than those in surrounding areas.

I was hoping that the opening of a forecourt at the new Booths in Burscough, which is run by Texaco, would have generated some local competition but unfortunately they have seen fit to play along in the local price maintenance game.

This will only change through pressure of customer numbers so may I suggest that we all avoid fuelling up locally until the owners start to significantly reduce their prices.

J. W., Aughton, by email

A new 'super' hospital at Skem would be better for West Lancs and help transform 'forgotten' town

HAVING read with interest the Champion story (July 4) on the future plans for Southport and Ormskirk hospitals my first question has to be why are these two hospitals even merged?

Southport isn't in Lancashire, it's in Sefton, so go let them merge with a hospital in Merseyside.

I recently needed treatment from a specialist but because she was based at Southport Hospital they refused to give me - an Ormskirk resident - an appointment so what's the point of having both names in the title when they don't serve both catchment areas 100%?

I ended up having to go to the Walton Centre which makes a mockery of the system currently in place.

Ormskirk should be considering a joint venture with Wrightington Hospital in Lancashire, or better still, build a new super hospital in Skelmersdale that can serve the whole of West Lancs for decades to come and also employ Lancashire people.

It has tremendous road access and would transform a town that Lancashire seems to have forgotten.

Aughton resident, by email.

We must nurture our NHS and resist cost-cutting ideas

MY GP referred me to Ormskirk Hospital with a suspected deep-veined thrombosis.

The drop-in unit took care of me. For 2.5 hours I was given the best of attention with intensive tests and investigation by the most professional and caring nursing staff.

They explained fully their actions and sent me home having administered an injection and a return visit arranged.

I never fail to be in awe of the professional skills and knowledge of the NHS. They are the best.

We must guard and nurture the NHS and Ormskirk Hospital in particular. It belongs to us the public and is an essential part of our culture.

We must resist any cost-reducing ideas by the so-called management.

Graham Walker, Up Holland.

PICTURE of the week

Multi-coloured plumes of rainbow dust signal the start of last Sunday's second annual Southport Colour Blast - a 5km fun run starting in Princes Park to boost funds and support Galloway's Society for the Blind. Picture by Martyn Snape.

Bringing back breast cancer services should be a priority

I FOUND your article about changes to Omskirk/Southport hospitals interesting, but there was no mention of bringing breast cancer services back to these hospitals.

This should be a priority. As a patient I find having to travel to Wigan and using an overstretched service very stressful and not up to the level I had previously been given in Ormskirk.

If there is another hospital to be built surely Skelmersdale would be the obvious site with our excellent access to motorways and our growing population?

And it would fulfil the promise we were given over 45 years ago!

Pauline Elstone, by email

So-called Tarleton Masterplan is more like a disaster plan!

YOUR article (Champion, July 11) on the Tarleton Masterplan announced by the Lilford Estate and Acland Bracewell, to build nearly 1,500 homes, should be more correctly titled The Tarleton DISaster Plan.

I have lived in Tarleton for 33 years and, along with many other residents, am horrified to find that our parish council and West Lancs Council are apparently supporting this ridiculous proposal.

These councillors are supposed to represent the interests of the residents, not those of absentee land owners and their agents whose only interest is in converting Green Belt into £notes.

Where is their research to show that 1500 homes are needed? Where are the school places, the doctors, the dentists, the police? What about the environmental impact of probably 3,000 more cars?

Tarleton has contributed massively in the provision of new housing in recent years. We don't need developments of this size and our councillors need to recognise this or pay the penalty at the ballot box.

Rod Frobisher, by email

Empty your bottles and cans before ditching them

PLEASE could those people who drop plastic bottles and cans where they are walking empty out the contents before discarding them?

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Charlotte Chappell,
Target - Ormskirk Plastic Free.

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Whitemoss Fund grants are 'tainted gold'

INTERESTING to see the Champ trumpeting the good news about grant allocations from Whitemoss Landfill's Community Fund.

Unbelievable that after the years of fighting the landfill extension during which the whole town came together to oppose the company plans, raising thousands of pounds to take the case to the highest court in the land, community groups are now eager to take blood money from the firm while it continues to threaten our health and that of our future generations.

May I point out that Mr Routledge, far from being the do-gooder he likes to paint himself as, operated this firm for many years without giving a penny back to the community.

It was only during the public inquiry which criticised the company for this that the community fund miraculously appeared.

I understand that hard-up community groups see such funds as a lifeline but there is an old saying that no good comes of tainted gold.

Carol Fenlon, by email

Careful driving will save lives

TO the the taxi driver who jumped the lights at Fiveways in Ormskirk at about 11.30am on Friday, July 6.

Just because I was shaking my head at your dangerous driving, why did you give me 'the finger' as though I was in the wrong?

This type of driving is becoming more frequent and while cameras and fines or bans may help, just being more careful will save lives, and in your case, maybe your livelihood.

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S. C., by email

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CCG invite feedback on draft policies as part of review

Greg Mitten, lay member for patient and public involvement at NHS West Lancashire CCG.

THE NHS West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group is working in partnership with the other seven CCGs in Lancashire and South Cumbria to review clinical policies across the region.

The groups agree a review is needed to ensure a consistent and fair approach; update policies in accordance with National Guidelines and best clinical practice; and to make sure limited resources are used to maximum effect.

As part of this ongoing process, two draft policies are now available for patient and public engagement and feedback.

These are the commissioning of photorefractive surgery for the correction of refractive error (laser eye surgery for common sight problems); and the policy for the management of Otitis Media with Effusion (OME) using grommets (the treatment of glue ear for children under 12 using grommets).

West Lancs residents are invited to read the new and revised policies and provide their feedback and comments by completing the relevant survey. This can be accessed by visiting the CCG's website: http://bit.ly/WLCCGpolicies.

Policies and surveys can be posted out to any residents who do not have access to a computer by calling the CCG on 01695 588 203. Comments on the policies should be submitted by Friday, August 3.

Greg Mitten, chief officer of West Lancs CVS and lay member for patient and public involvement at NHS West Lancashire CCG, said: "The CCG is responsible for commissioning a wide range of clinical services, including GP services, hospital services, community, mental health and learning disability services, for and on behalf of, the local population of which we serve.

"We need to ensure this is done in an open, fair and transparent manner but in so doing we must consider the limited resources we have. A key role for the CCG is to develop clinical policies that help us make decisions about the use of those limited resources.

"The policies that we are currently consulting on may have an impact on many of our residents, it is therefore vitally important that our population have their say on what we are proposing."

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One European venture I was glad to be proved wrong about . . .

ANYONE who encountered me in the past few weeks might well have thought my interest in the World Cup was, shall we be polite? - minimal.

And they would have been correct. I had no interest whatsoever in watching the Pitcairn Islands versus Rockall or whatever. I also resented having my usual tea-time mindless quiz programmes being supplanted by chanting mobs on television.

And yet, and I confess to watching the semi-final last week. I did salve my conscience by actually recording it, though in fact watching the action only minutes late as it turned out, and I somehow managed to get through the entire game without the aid of fizzy beer, crisps or (as I saw one chap buying on the big day) pickled onions!

Even if I had thought to get in these apparently needful accoutrements I don't think I would have found it necessary to throw the beer up in the air when we scored (though fizzy, canned beer well deserves to be thrown down the sink).

But I confess to becoming absorbed in this clash, and feeling bereft at the final result. Quite apart from anything else, I was really looking forward to a final in which we could really whop those Frenchies. And I was reminded of that other time, more than 50 years ago, when we did beat another old enemy, Germany, to win the World Cup. I was really no more keen on regularly watching football then than I am now, though being a callow youth less forthright in expressing this obvious failing.

But then as now, when England reached the final I was more than just interested. Back in those days we had rather poky TV screens but there was an excellent film of the match shown almost immediately in cinemas and I chose to watch our victory in the comfort of the old Odeon cinema in Waterloo. Actually it was a double pleasure, because in those days, as a reporter on a local paper I was in possession of a pass which gave me free entrance to the picture house, though I would willingly have paid to see our triumph on the big screen.

Afterwards I celebrated the result in a nearby local hostelry - the Liver I think - with a pint or three of cask ale, the British way of doing things.

I cannot pretend that I remember in detail how the fans of the 1960s behaved - or not - but I don't think it included wrecking cars or putting an ambulance out of action as happened at an earlier stage in this year's competition.

Anyway, I am genuinely pleased that our lads proved themselves so well - I must confess one reason for my initial disinterest was my near certainty that we would be knocked out fairly early on. I was proved wrong, and I'm glad I was. This was one European adventure in which we could hold our heads high.

Talking of which, you may have noticed, probably with relief, that I have made little reference in the past couple of years to our so-called exit from Europe.

And I am not going to start now, save to say that each week seems to bang another nail into the Brexit coffin thanks to MPs who think they know better than the will of the people they represent and a Government which has failed to fly the flag for Great Britain since day one.

If Westminster had been running the England football squad, I doubt if the lads would ever have been allowed out of the country for fear of upsetting our European 'partners'. And anyway, with the risk of possibly losing, we would probably have decided to cede our games long before the semi-finals in any case.

Oh, and of course we would have paid for everybody else's beer and pickled onions and asked how many tons of crisps they wanted in order to allow us to watch from the sidelines.

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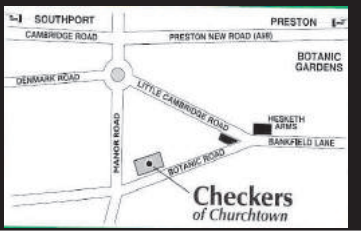

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Voters set to go to polls in borough council by-election

VOTERS in the Hesketh-with-Becconsall ward of West Lancs Council will go the polls tomorrow (Thursday, July 19) to elect a new councillor following the resignation of Conservative Councillor Paul Moon.

Three candidates will contest the seat vacated by Cllr. Moon in June. They are Nick Kemp (Labour); Steve Kirby (Independent) and Joan Witter (Conservative).

Cllr. Moon, who was elected to represent the ward in 2016, said his decision to stand down from West Lancs Council was due to "a personal and private matter."

● A by-election will also be held in Knowsley ward next Thursday, July 26 following Labour Councillor Michelle Aldridge's decision to step down "due to personal commitments" just six weeks after taking up the role.

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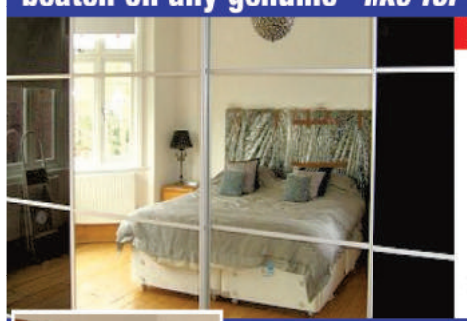

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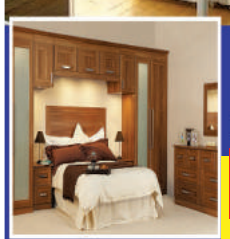

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Edge Hill honours academic who became driving force behind Hillsborough campaign

A MAN who became a driving force in the campaign for justice for the victims and survivors of the Hillsborough Disaster and its aftermath has been awarded an Honorary Doctorate in Philosophy by Edge Hill University.

Professor Phil Scraton, who set up the nationally-renowned Centre for Studies in Crime and Social Justice at Edge Hill in 1984 with Dr Kathryn Chadwick, launched the first undergraduate degree in Critical Criminology alongside Edge Hill's first postgraduate programmes.

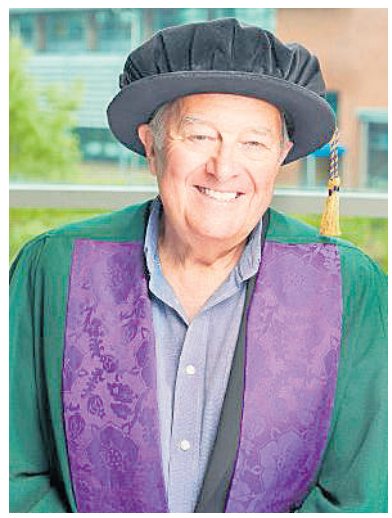
He became one of the university's first professors and was a founder member of the charity INQUEST, supporting families of bereaved by deaths in custody.

Over 20 years, the Centre for Studies in Crime and Social Justice produced critical research and informed professionals across the region's public services, but it is for his work into the 1989 Hillsborough Stadium Disaster and its aftermath and his role in the campaign for justice that he is most well-known.

For nearly three decades he has worked alongside bereaved families and survivors. His initial research, commissioned by Liverpool City Council and based at Edge Hill was to critique the Taylor Inquiry and media coverage following the disaster.

The Hillsborough Project revealed that survivors and bereaved were subjected to insensitivity by the police in the tragedy's immediate aftermath.

His later research exposed the systemic review and alteration of police statements by South Yorkshire Police officers and their solicitors.



Hillsborough campaigner Professor Phil Scraton who has been awarded an honorary doctorate by Edge Hill University

In 1998, Jimmy McGovern's drama documentary *Hillsborough* drew heavily on Phil's work, and that of his colleagues, Sheila Coleman, Ann Jemphrey and Paula Skidmore.

In 2009, following Hillsborough's 20th anniversary, the Government committed to full disclosure of some two million documents and appointed the Hillsborough Independent Panel. Phil headed its research and was primary author of its 2012 report which led to the original inquest verdicts being quashed and new inquests established.

A full criminal investigation was initiated alongside another by the Independent Police Complaints Commission (now the Independent Office for Police Conduct), and both are still ongoing.

In 2015, Phil was seconded to the families' legal teams, and after two years in session, the inquest jury returned verdicts of unlawful killing, heavily criticising all authorities involved and fully exonerating the fans.

Achievement

Talking to graduands from the Law and Criminology and Social Sciences, he said:

"I was the first in my family to go to university. I was told it was basically a waste of time, my father said I should go out and get a proper job, my mum stood by me.

"Then when I said to one of the senior lecturers my ambition was to be a researcher he laughed and said, 'no Phil, research isn't for you' in the same way I'd been told before that, that university wasn't for me.

"Whatever you choose to do, never ever be told you're not worthy, never ever be told you're not good enough or your chosen path isn't for the likes of you.

"Today is your celebration, I'm very grateful for being brought into the heart of it. Never ever allow the systems to knock you back. It's a tremendous achievement what you've done over the last three years, you have to remember that the future is yours."

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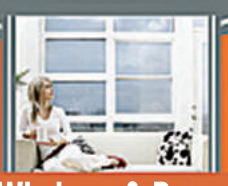

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Lancashire nurse wins prestigious award

Tracey scoops top honour for pioneering work with children with learning disabilities and autism

A NURSE with the Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust has beaten hundreds of other nominations from across the country to win the UK's most prestigious nursing accolade for her pioneering work with children with learning disabilities and autism.

Tracey Hartley-Smith, Integrated Service Leader in the Learning Disability and Complex Needs Team at Lancashire Care, was one of five finalists in the Learning Disability Nursing Award category of the Royal College of Nursing Institute's (RCNi) Nurse Awards 2018.

Tracey, from Chorley, was given the award for recognising a gap in service for children with learning disabilities and autism in North Lancashire and developing a service that resulted in positive outcomes for families and recognition from stakeholders.

Tracey is pictured (centre) after receiving her award with Marie Boles, Deputy Chief Nurse (North Region) at NHS England, and TV presenter Kate Garraway. Photo: Barney Newman.

Sponsored by NHS England, the Learning Disability Nursing Award recognises and celebrates individual learning disability nurses or teams who have used their initiative, insight and skills to make a real difference to the health, wellbeing and social inclusion of people with learning disabilities.

Dedicated

Tracey said: "I'm thrilled to have been given the Learning Disability Nursing Award. This is a huge honour for me and the trust. Previously, there was no specialist nursing service for children with learning disabilities and autism in North Lancashire so we developed a nurse-led multidisciplinary service that is now fully established.

"I am proud to be part of a skilled and dedicated team in central Lancashire whose expertise, knowledge and hard work enabled us to make a real difference to the well being of children with learning disabilities and autism in other parts of Lancashire. This has led to positive outcomes for families and received widespread recognition. The service is working hard to ensure that there is sufficient capacity locally to meet the needs of children and young people now and in the future."

Tracey is now working with other NHS organisations and local commissioners to develop an Autism Spectrum Disorder diagnostic pathway, planned for commencement later in the year.

Now in their 31st year, the RCNi Nurse Awards celebrate the very best in nursing care. Covering a wide range of specialities such as learning disability nursing, child health, cancer nursing, mental health nursing and nursing older people, the awards are widely regarded as the highest accolade for nurses in the UK.

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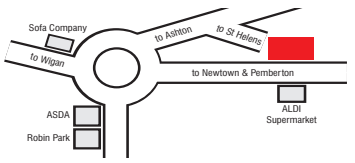

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Edge Hill Students' Union official in call for 'people's vote' on Brexit deal

A STUDENTS' Union leader at Edge Hill University has branded the Government's handling of Brexit negotiations "chaotic" and says frustrated students should have a say on any future deal.

Many students from North West institutions, including Edge Hill, have joined the campaign group For our Future's Sake (FFS) which is calling for a people's vote on the UK's final deal with the EU.

Luke Myer, union vice-president at the Ormskirk campus, said: "Whichever way people voted in 2016, everyone can agree that this Government's handling of Brexit has been utterly chaotic.

"This is the biggest political issue facing future generations, and students and young people across the North West have passed the point of frustration with the Government's complete lack of progress. "We believe that a people's vote on the terms of the deal is the only way forward, to show that this is not the future that young people want."

Canal trust summer roadshow set to 'moor up' at Wharf

THE Canal & River Trust's summer roadshow is coming to West Lancashire on Friday, July 27 as part of a campaign to encourage people to make the most of their local waterways.

Running from 11am to 4pm at Burscough Wharf, the event is one of a series of family-friendly special days being hosted by the charity that cares for the Leeds & Liverpool Canal.

The summer roadshow events will give visitors the chance to have a go at things such as canoeing and fishing and meet the people and wildlife that call the canal home.

Staff and volunteers from the trust, which look after 2,000 miles of waterways across England and Wales, will be revealing how being by water can make people feel happier and healthier, and encouraging locals to help care for their local waterway by volunteering for tasks such as painting lock gates, repairing towpaths and planting flowers.

They will also be sharing some top tips on staying cool and enjoying the water this summer - without getting in!

Tony Entwistle, development engagement manager at the Canal & River Trust, said: "We know that life is better by water and we want more people across Lancashire to reap the benefits of getting out and about by their local canal or river, whether that's through leisure activities or giving back to their community by volunteering with us.

Burscough Wharf will host a day of activities organised by the Canal & River Trust.

"Taking a walk, jog or cycle along the towpath, sitting by the water to watch the world go by, getting out on a canoe, or taking part in volunteer sessions, can all help to relieve stress and provide that much-needed dose of fresh air in our busy lives. We look forward to welcoming everyone on the day and showing them just what their local canal has to offer."

Full details on the summer roadshows, including how to get there and what's on offer at each site, can be found at: https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/enjoy-the-waterways/events.

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Hospice awarded £10k Big Lottery grant

ST JOSEPH'S Hospice, which provides long-term end of life care for more than 200 patients and their families from across Liverpool, Sefton and West Lancashire every year, has been awarded £10,000 by the Big Lottery Fund.

The grant will be used to conduct a feasibility study which will look at how the hospice in Thornton can offer a broader range of services to more people, as well as improving the facilities for inpatients and their families.

The study will explore whether it would be viable for the hospice to offer services such as wellbeing, holistic therapy, counselling and bereavement care through a day hospice setting to people living with life limiting conditions out in the community as well as to inpatients.

It will also examine the possibility of improving the overnight facilities for the families of inpatients and developing a larger social hub at the hospice for families and patients to spend time together.

Hospice chief executive, Mike Parr, said: "We are delighted to have received this grant from the Big Lottery Fund which will help us to see how we can improve our facilities and develop the services we offer so that we can reach more people living out in our communities."

Claire with one of her paintings.

Claire uses her art to highlight farming issues

Report by **Kenny Parker**

A MATURE art student from a farming family in West Lancashire is using her final year project to raise awareness of issues affecting the UK farming industry.

Claire Molyneux is set to graduate with a degree in Fine Art from University of Central Lancashire (UCLan) and wanted her work to reflect family farming and in particular small farming businesses which struggle to keep up with the demands of the industry.

The 51-year-old mother-of-seven grew up on a farm and now lives in Bickerstaffe with husband Paul, who runs a family farming business with his father and borther. Paul's sister also works on the farm, with additional support from Claire's children outside of school term.

Claire said: "My project, Family Farming, is about a real, current situation and I wanted to capture this moment in time because it is a vision of the present at a time when our future is uncertain.

"Farming is becoming increasingly hard to sustain in today's climate and it's not just a job, it's a way of life for my family. It was important that I captured these images of the farm as we don't know what our future holds and I think a lot of people within the industry can relate to this."

Borough pupils gets a taste for triathlon

MORE than 700 children from primary schools across the borough took part in the West Lancashire Sport Partnership Triathlon event held at Ormskirk Park Pool and grounds.

Competing in teams, the youngsters completed a 40-metre swim, followed by an 800-metre cycle and finishing with a 400-metre run and all competitors showed great resilience and determination on a baking hot day.

Grateful

This was followed by a secondary school individual triathlon featuring 64 pupils from Burscough Priory Science College, St Bede's Catholic High School, Ormskirk School and Up Holland High.

Each athlete completed a 100-metre swim, 1,500-metre bike ride and an 800-metre run.

George Fairbrother, community programme development officer at Tarleton Academy and West Lancashire Sport Partnership, said: "Thanks to our sports leaders from St Bede's and Ormskirk School for their help in running the event. We are also grateful to Ashley Travel and Don Fraser for transporting schools to and from Ormskirk throughout the day and to West Lancashire Community Leisure for sponsoring the event."

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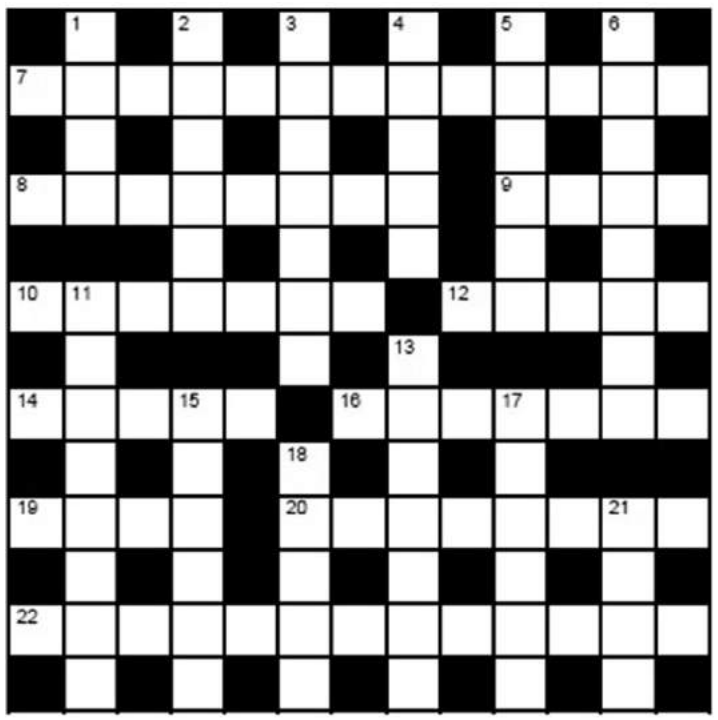

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14. A pale sandy fawn colour (5)
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Police commissioner says Government has got priorities wrong

£5m allocated to police Trump golf course visit but only £1.4m for marshalling protests at county fracking site

LANCASHIRE'S Police and Crime Commissioner, Clive Grunshaw has accused the Government of getting its priorities wrong after the Treasury announced it will make £5m available to Police Scotland for President Trump's visit to his golf course there.

Mr Grunshaw contrasted that decision with the Government's refusal to do more than the "minimum" to help ease the financial burden placed on Lancashire Constabulary by policing fracking protests in the county.

Despite the costs of force's operation at the fracking site in Little Plumpton reaching £7m the Government has said it won't make more than £1.4m available to help cover it.

Police and crime commissioner Clive Grunshaw 'on patrol' with the Preston and South Ribble Street Pastors

The commissioner said: "The Government's priorities are all wrong. While it's right they support Police Scotland during President Trump's visit, it's frustrating that they won't ease the pressure on Lancashire Police. These are both national decisions impacting on overstretched police forces.

"The decision to allow fracking in Lancashire was one made in Westminster but it's been local residents who have been left to foot the bill, only offered the minimum possible assistance.

"The people of Lancashire will rightly be left wondering why the rules can be bent for President Trump to visit his golf resort, but not for our police force."

Meanwhile, Mr Grunshaw recently joined Preston and South Ribble Street Pastors on an evening patrol to support the homeless and other vulnerable people, including offering assistance to nighttime revellers and preventing violent incidents getting out of control.

Ormskirk Street Pastors were among five groups that were awarded a portion of £25,000 funding by the commissioner's office last year.

The funding is being used by the groups to help them train and equip new volunteers, upskill current volunteers and for resources such as drinks and food to give out to vulnerable people.

Mr Grunshaw said: "Seeing the hard work that street pastors do across Lancashire first-hand, I'm proud to be able to support all that these and other similar organisations across the county do to keep our streets safe. "They also provide excellent value for money, reducing the need for frontline services to intervene and reduce some of the strain that our emergency services face."

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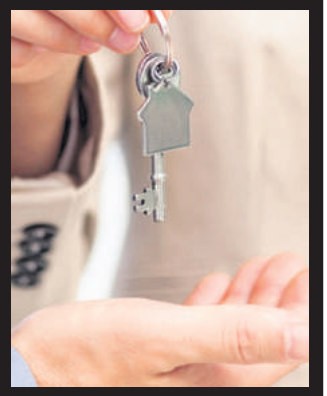

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Crowds flock to enjoy a sunny 'Day at the Races' at village show

A CROWD of nearly 3,000 enjoyed this year's Parbold Village Show which had the theme of 'A Day at the Races'.

Among the many highlights of the day were the hobby horse races, in several classes, across a competitive course modelled on the Grand National.

Meanwhile, for those wanting something less strenuous Our Lady Queen of Peace College in Skelmersdale provided hands-on slot-car racing.

Against a backdrop of glorious sunshine, visitors also enjoyed the magic of the Old Hall Brass band from Appley Bridge, and a dance competition featuring youngsters from local schools.

Trophies were handed out for best produce, baking, artwork and photography.

Meanwhile, show organisers are appealing for Mr Shaw of Parbold to ring 01257 462176 as he has won the grand prize in the raffle!

Glenda Dooley, presents Don Wrudd with his trophy for winning first prize with his fruit and vegetables.

Youngsters taking part in one of the hobby horse races.

Care trust takes step towards paperless target

LANCASHIRE Care NHS Foundation Trust has taken a step towards achieving its aim of being paperless at the point of care by 2020 to reduce administration and free up time to care for patients.

The trust has signed a five-year contract with global digital solutions provider Civica to deliver a new clinical information management system, Cito.

The system has been designed to facilitate instant access to patient records, allow staff to be able to gather insights and information along the patient's care pathway and transfer information between its healthcare partners.

Damian Parkinson, director of health informatics at Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust said: "Implementation of the new solution will result in improved access to clinical records for staff, enhanced quality of patient experience and better ongoing outcomes for all our service users."

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Paul Sherman (far right) shows members of the Lathom Park Trust how to use a light box to record images for an online database.

Village's historic artefacts and documents will be available to view online

DOCUMENTS and artefacts relating to Lathom's history are to be made available to view online after members and trustees from Lathom Park Trust were shown how to create a digital archive.

Jane Williams and Paul Sherman from the Lathom Castle Project team met with the trust at the scout hut on Hall Lane, Lathom, where trust members were shown how to catalogue and then scan documents into the database.

Dot Broady-Hawkes, secretary of Lathom Park Trust, said it was a very important project for Lathom, as not just paper records of all sizes were scanned but by using a light box items like canon balls, pottery and glass finds from previous excavations in Lathom Park were also recorded and uploaded to the database.

Research

She said that database will be made available online for all to access.

The website address will be www.lathomarchives.online and will be hosted by the National Archives.

A further session to record documents and artefacts will take place soon.

Dot said: "Whilst there are many records already available to use for research into historic Lathom, there are also many items in the possession of individuals.

"Using this system of digital archiving, those items can be copied and then returned to their owners, as access to them via the digital archive will put them in one online collection for all to view and appreciate."

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Martin Mere news

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Have a buzzing day out at Martin Mere this summer as GIANT Bionic Bugs invade the centre

Breaking news – GIANT Bionic Bugs are invading WWT Martin Mere Wetland Centre this summer searching for the World's Largest Bug Hotel.

Have a bug-filled adventure this summer as Martin Mere is taken over by six giant Bionic Bugs from Saturday 28 July to Sunday 2 September. Meet a 6ft long dragonfly, 6ft wingspan butterfly, ant, grasshopper, 4ft buzzing bee, all brought to life with state of the art animatronics and sound effects.

Centre Manager, Nick Brooks, said: "With the invasion taking place I guess I should tell you to remain calm and stay indoors - but actually I think it will be better to get outdoors and become very excited as we need families and children of all ages to visit Martin Mere and find these bionic bugs this summer. In 2017, Martin Mere received the Guinness World Record for the World's Largest Bug Hotel, standing at a massive 18.36 cubic metres, it is no surprise that giant bugs were going to attempt to move in – it's going to be a buzzing day out for the whole family."

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For further information and a full list of activities visit wwt.org.uk/bionicbugs

WWT Martin Mere Wetland Centre is open every day (except Christmas Day) from 9.30am to 6pm and parking is free of charge. Situated off the A59, it is signposted from the M61, M58 and M6. The Centre is also accessible via the Southport to Manchester and the Liverpool to Preston line by train from Burscough Rail Stations. Visit the web site http://www.wwt.org.uk/martinmere/ to find out what's on all year round at Martin Mere and the other eight WWT Wetland Centres.

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The cast of 'Allo 'Allo

Review by **Ron Ellis**

'Allo 'Allo by David Croft and Jeremy Lloyd
Ormskirk Theatre Company
Toby Carvery, Ormskirk

THE stage at the Toby Carvery was transformed for three nights into that familiar small café in German-occupied France during World War Two with Gary Simpson giving a perfect impersonation of Rene Artois, as portrayed by Gorden Kaye in the iconic television show of the eighties which ran for 85 episodes over 10 years.

The story was the Gestapo's long-standing search for the missing painting of The Fallen Madonna (with the big boobies) by Von Klomp, hidden in the café.

A huge cast of fifteen all had their moments in the spotlight.

Patricia Baker played Rene's wife, Edith, her curious warbling, when she took to the floor to sing to the customers, was one of the highlights of the night.

Lesley Roper and Patricia Baker were eminently seductive as waitresses Michelle and Mimi, Rene's two secret lovers, and Ann Todd provided a lovely comic turn involving cockatoos.

Angela Johannessen performed a tantalising striptease for Gestapo officer Herr Flick (John Tomlinson) while Chris Smalling's malapropisms as Captain Crabtree were a continual delight.

Simon James played the poncey Gruber, with his eye on Rene, and Joe Coyne, as the Italian, Captain Bertorelli, nearly shattered the lightbulbs impersonating Hitler.

Brian Tubb was Von Strohm; Paul Falcone played Von Schmelling while Megan Tomlinson, Jennifer Edwards and Andy Hawkes appeared in various guises along the way.

The familiar catchphrases from the TV show were all there, the pace was fast, the scene changes a master of dexterity and the play, directed by Paul Falcone, had the audience laughing throughout.

A most entertaining evening from the Ormskirk Theatre Company whose next play at the Toby Carvery will be the Eric Chappell comedy Theft on Wednesday, October 3 to Friday, October 5. Don't miss it.

Star rating: 7 out of 10. Just as funny as the original.

Relive the sound of Roy Orbison

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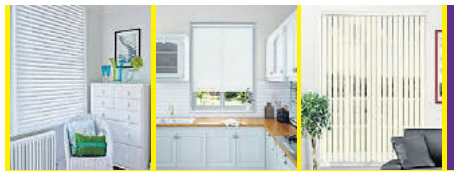
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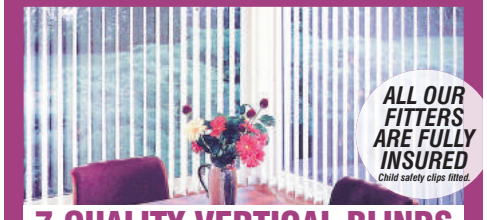
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The family of the late Ellen "Nellie" Wright would like to offer their sincere thanks to the many people who showed great kindness and support during this sad time.
Also for the dignified and sensitive approach to every request, we are ever so grateful to all the staff at Howard's Funeral Directors.

EQUIZI KATIE ANNA

Katie's family would like to express their sincere appreciation for all the support received at this very sad time. The cards, flowers, tributes and donations to Autism Awareness have been overwhelming.
A grateful thank you to Father John Heneghan at St Marie's RC Parish Church for the beautiful service, also to Derek Crawford and the Team at Howard's Funeral Directors for making things easier for the family.

CRABBE JOHN COLIN

Irene and family would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind messages, cards, flowers and donations to Bloodwise given in memory of the late Colin Crabbe.
Thanks also to the Reverend Paul Lock for his ministrations at St Michael and All Angels Church, Dalton and for the support and prayers of friends in the congregation.
Grateful thanks to Skelmersdale Funeral Services for their dignified funeral arrangements.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

WHALLEY DOREEN ESTELLE

In Loving Memory

Doreen's Sisters Christine Stevenson and Pauline Neale, their Husbands Derek and Ian and their families, wish to be included in expressing their sadness at the passing of Doreen on the 29th June 2018, and who is now resting in peace at Much Hoole Woodland Burial Ground.
They wish to express their grateful thanks to Connell Court for all their loving care and to Southport Hospital for the Nursing Care Doreen received.

HUTCHINGS FAYE ANNA

Mal, Roger, Gregg and their family wish to express their sincere thanks to all relatives, friends and neighbours for their very kind thoughts of sympathy, cards, flowers, visits and very generous donations for Learning Stars, received in their recent sad loss of a dearly loved daughter and sister.
Special thanks to all the staff at Royal Liverpool University Hospital, and the team at 59 for all their care and support for Faye and her family.
Grateful thanks to Alan Martin for facilitating the funeral service.
Also to Michelle and Michael of M. Rushton Funeral Directors for their help, support and dignified funeral arrangements.

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In our hearts and thoughts forever.
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"Til we meet again over the rainbow"
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BIRTHDAY MEMORIAMS

BURKE EVELYN

15th July
We don't ask for miracles but today just one would do, to leave the door wide open and see you walk right through. We would wrap our arms around you and kiss your smile and face, for you were very special who no-one can replace.
Love from Sons, Daughters, Daughters-in-Law, Sons-in-Law, Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren

DEATHS

ANDERS ANGELA (ANGIE) NEE BROWN

6th July 2018
after a short illness bravely borne
aged 55 years

Devoted Mum of Lee and Andrew, loving daughter , Sister and Aunt. Will be sadly missed and always remembered by all her family and friends. Funeral service will take place at Greenacres, Blindfoot Road, Rainford WA11 7HX on Friday 20th July at 12 noon. All enquiries to Margaret Whitelam Skelmersdale Funeral Service 29/31 Sandy Lane Tel:01695 559868

TINSLEY SHIRLEY GRACE

11th July 2018
aged 79 years
Passed away peacefully after a long illness
Much loved Mum of Gail, Son-in-law Paul and Nanna to Lucy and Katie. Service at West Lancashire Crematorium on Monday 23rd July 2018 at 11.30am. Family flowers only. All enquiries to Hunters of Ormskirk, 128b Burscough St, Ormskirk, L39 2EY. Tel:01695 572997

DEATHS

ANDERS ANGELA (NEE BROWN)

Passed away 6th July
Aged 55 years
Suddenly after a very short illness my Sister so selfless, so loving, giving and caring.
You suffered in silence, faded away so quickly, so cruelly taken from us.
May you find your happiness once again Ange.

Reunited with our loving Mum and lil Bro Michael.

You will be loved and missed always

Lil Sis Joanne, Steve, Kayleigh, Stevie and Adam

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COURT ELSIE

10th July 2018
aged 86 years

Reunited with her beloved Husband Brian. Dearly loved Mum of David and Beverley. A dear Mum-in-law and Nanna. Service and cremation at West Lancs Crematorium today, Wednesday 18th July at 10.45am. Family flowers only but if desired donations to MacMillan Nurses in Elsie's memory would be appreciated.
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KATHRYN OWE (NEE MILLIGAN)

Aged 34
On Friday 13th July surrounded by her loving family at home Kathryn departed for her next adventure with angels. A most remarkable lady, touching so many lives, and leaving this world having given far more than she took. A celebration of Kathryn's wonderful life will be held on Saturday 21st July at 10.00 a.m. in Christ Church, Aughton followed by committal at 11.30 in West Lancs Crematorium, Burscough.
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DEATHS

DINELEY (NEE HANSEN) NORMA ERICA

15th July 2018
Died peacefully
aged 77 years

Cherished wife of Bill, and beloved Mother, Nanny, Great Nan, Sister and Auntie. You closed your eyes and went to sleep, a million memories are ours to keep, you fought so hard for so very long, if it's one thing you've taught us it's how to be strong, we will all miss you endlessly.
"Good Night, God Bless"
We would like to thank the Angels on Earth in Birch Green Care Home for their years of loving care and support. Flowers or donations if desired to North West Cancer Research or Dementia UK. Service to be held on Friday 27th July 2018 at 1:45pm at West Lancashire Cemetery and Crematorium, Pippin Street, Burscough, L40 7SP. All enquiries to Hardman and Co Tel: 01695 722122/ 720012.

THOMPSON IRENE MARY

11th July 2018
Peacefully after a short illness
aged 88 years
of Primose Hill, Scarisbrick formerly Morris's Pie Shop

The dearly loved Wife of the late Eric, loving Mum of Janet & Rob, devoted Nan of Sharon & Neil and Great Nan of Ryan. Funeral service and interment at St Cuthberts Church, Halsall on Friday 20th July 2018 at 3:00pm. Floral tributes welcome. All enquiries to Melanie Hardman at H Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors of Skelmersdale, Ormskirk & Scarisbrick. Tel: 01695 722122/720012

DEATHS

TOOKEY (NEE POLLARD) JULIE ANN

Passed away peacefully at home on
11th July 2018
aged 52 years
of Ormskirk

Dearly Loved Wife of Jamie. Much Loved Mum of Rachel, Beloved Daughter of Dave & the late Glyns, Loving Sister of Ian, Loved and missed by all her family and friends. Funeral Service at Ormskirk Parish Church, on Monday 23rd July 2018 at 11.00am, followed by Committal at Southport Crematorium. Family flowers only please by request but donations are being gratefully received for Queenscourt Hospice. Donations and further enquires please to Lisa Hunter, MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20 Moss Delph Lane, Aughton. Tel: 01695 424888.

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BRAITHWAITE IRENE

12th July 2018
Peacefully
aged 79 years

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DEATHS

ALLEN ERNIE

3rd July 2018
Aged 82 years

Devoted Husband of Audrey, much loved Dad of David, Debbie, Michelle and Father-in-law to Stephen. Loving Grandad to Tom, Steph and Des. Ernie will be greatly missed by all his family and friends. Service at Southport Crematorium on Thursday 19th July at 1:20pm. Donations are being gratefully received in lieu of flowers for Alzheimer's Society. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

MARTIN RONALD (RONNIE)

5th July 2018
Aged 83 Years
Passed away in Southport Hospital

Ronnie will be sadly missed by all who knew him. Funeral service to be held at West Lancashire Crematorium on Friday 20th July at 12:15pm. Family flowers only however donations are being gratefully received in memory of Ronnie for Breathe Easy helping people learn more about living with a lung condition.

Further Enquiries to Newland & Wilkinson Independent Funeral Directors, 311 Hesketh Lane, Tarleton. Lancashire PR4 6RJ. Telephone 01772 811165.

To place a family announcement please call 01704 392392

DEATHS

FOSTER COLETTE SUSAN

8th July 2018
Peacefully at her home in Skelmersdale
aged 58 years

She will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral service at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough on Thursday 19th July 2018 at 10:45am. All enquiries to Melanie Hardman at H Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors of Skelmersdale, Ormskirk & Scarisbrick Tel: 01695 722122/722012

BROWN MARIAN DOROTHY

Died 9th July 2018
peacefully in hospital
aged 86 years
Re-united with Husband Trevor

Will be very sadly missed by all her family and friends. Service and Cremation was held at Thornton Crematorium on Wednesday 18th July 2018 at 10.40am. Family flowers only but Donations if desired to Freshfield Animal Rescue c/o and all enquiries to Coyne Bros Funeral Directors, 3 Old Mill Lane, Formby,

BOSTOCK EDWARD ROY (TED)

9th July 2018
Peacefully in hospital surrounded by his loving family
Aged 82 years

Much loved Husband of Lettie and a dear Dad, Grandad & Father in law. Funeral service at St. Thomas's Church Lydiate on Saturday 21st July at 10.45 followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please but donations if desired in favour of St. Thomas's Church Lydiate c/o Craven Funeral Directors, 44 Liverpool Road Lydiate L31 2LZ. Tel 0151 5317890.

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19th July

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19th July 2011

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9th July 1967

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(Make Request).

There are none that can withstand your powers. Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 Times).

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MJ

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West Lancashire Borough Council
Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15

APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

2018/0551/FUL Demolition of the existing garage to number 179 and replacement with two new adjoining garages serving 179-181 Bold Lane and, the erection of a new part two-storey, part single storey detached four-bedroom family home, with associated hard and soft landscaping and private car parking to the rear of 179/181 Bold Lane at 179 & 181 Bold Lane, Aughton.
The application affects a Conservation Area.
2018/0682/FUL Erection of detached dwellinghouse (Resubmission of application 2017/0576/FUL) at Croasdale Cottage, Lancaster Lane, Parbold.
The application affects a Conservation Area.
2018/0683/FUL Disabled Adaptations comprising : Proposed Single Storey Rear Extension following demolition of existing conservatory, linking to Proposed Therapy Pool building sited over position of existing double garage to be demolished. New entrance 'porte cochere' style canopy Internal re-modelling of existing main house to provide disability access and carers facilities. Formation of 3no carer/visitor parking spaces following removal of existing horse chestnut tree. Installation of new wrought iron security gates to restrict access to front and rear of property at Hermitage, 79 Liverpool Road, Rufford.
The application affects a Conservation Area.
2018/0686/FUL Erection of 6 No. New detached dwellings with associated soft landscaping. Proposed improvement highway works forming new site access following demolition of existing building at Land To The Rear Of 29, The Gravel, Mere Brow, Tarleton.
The proposed development affects a right of way to which Part III of the Wildlife and Countryside Acts 1981 applies.
2018/0699/FUL Single storey lean-to extension to east side of property at 20 Beech Road, Aughton.
The application affects a Conservation Area.
2018/0703/FUL Infill between two projecting wings of the existing church hall to improve the catering facilities at the hall at St James Sunday School, Church Lane, Wrightington.
The application affects a Listed Building.
2018/0708/FUL Demolition of barn and stables and erection of annexe incorporating 9 bedrooms, offices, meeting room and one staff bedroom, with adjacent hardstanding/turning area at West Tower Country Hotel, Mill Lane, Aughton.
The application affects a Conservation Area.
2018/0718/FUL Variation of Condition No. 2 of planning permission 2016/0665/FUL to vary the layout of plots 13-15 & 30-35 at Land To The South Of, Ashurst Road, Ashurst, Skelmersdale.
2018/0725/FUL Variation of Condition No. 2 imposed on planning permission 2018/0166/FUL to vary the approved plans at Charlton, Quarry Drive, Aughton.
The application affects a Conservation Area.
The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e.mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development and Regeneration Services, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application number.

Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development
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John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI Dated:18th July 2018
Director of Development and Regeneration PDNOT1003

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council propose to make the above pedestrian crossing under Section 23 of the **Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to introduce a zebra crossing in Southport Road, Scarisbrick, from a point 4m north-west of the centre line of New Hall Drive for a distance of 41m in a north-westerly direction.

A copy of the relevant notice and plan indicating the location of the crossing may be inspected during normal office hours at the offices of the West Lancashire Borough Council, PO Box 16, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, Lancashire, L39 2DF and at the offices of the Director of Corporate Services, Lancashire County Council, Christ Church Precinct, County Hall, Preston, Lancashire, PR1 8XJ, and on Lancashire County Council's website http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/roads/roadworks-and-traffic-regulation-orders/permanent.aspx. Any representations or objections (specifying the grounds on which they are made) relating to the proposal must be made in writing and should be sent to the Director of Corporate Services, Lancashire County Council, PO Box 78, County Hall, Preston, Lancashire, PR1 8XJ or by e-mail to tro-consultation@lancashire.gov.uk **quoting ref:LSG4/894.8191/ML2** before 15 August 2018.

Laura Sales, Director of Corporate Services
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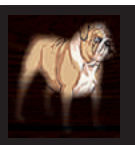
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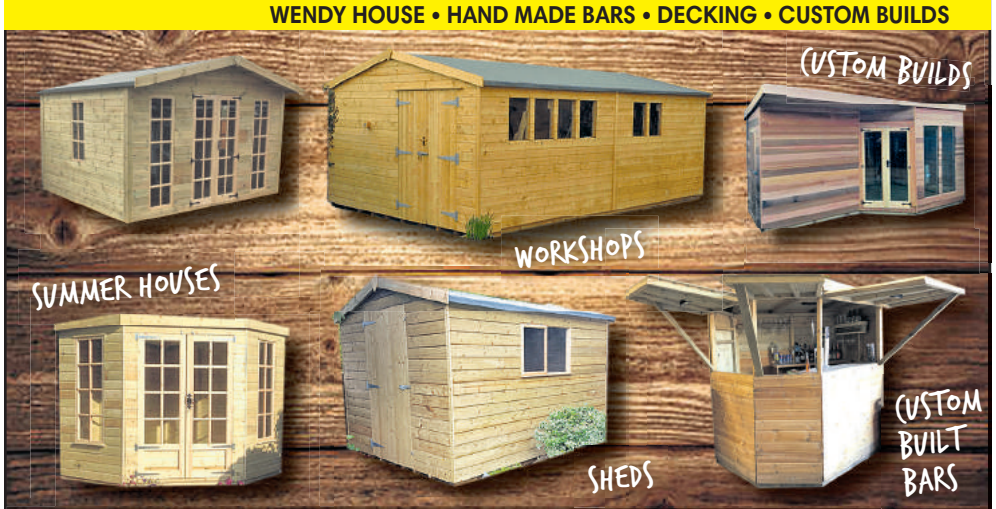

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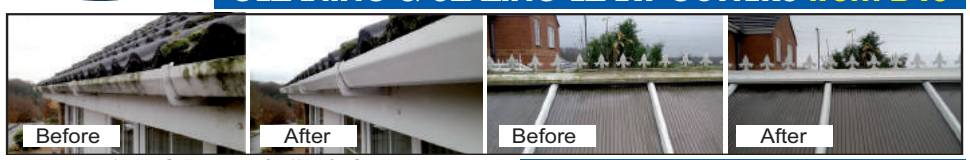

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I found a workplace for the summer heat - a Peugeot!

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I DON'T know what your office is like at the moment, but mine's verging on the unbearable.

Every afternoon the temperature inside soars into the high twenties – and sometimes higher – and the air conditioning system struggles to cope with the task of keeping 300 people working at 300 computers cool.

An armada of electric fans have been drafted in to help but they're not much either; the one I borrowed a few days ago lasted two hours before it conked out spectacularly, its malfunctioning motor sounding like a misfiring Transit as it cranked inelegantly to a complete halt.

Happily, I've found a workplace far better suited to the searing summer heat – Peugeot's 5008.

Treat it as a car and it's perfectly well accomplished, if a bit too clever for its own good. The chief culprit is the electronically-operated tailgate on the GTLine version that I tested, which is marvellous when you emerge from a supermarket weighed down with six bags of shopping and it raises up majestically at the touch of a button. The only problem is that when you just want to nip in and out to grab something quickly – particularly if you're pulled over at the roadside – it resolutely refuses to let you open or close it quickly yourself. It's the same story with the digitaldashboard, which let me choose between having my dials presented to me in five different ways. Very swish, but a traditional set of dials can present everything I need in just one way a lot more clearly.

Treat as an office – as I did at a car show last weekend – and it's absolutely tremendous, though.

Peugeot's been making lots of noises about this latest 5008 being a trendy SUV but look closer and the spirit of its predecessor – which was unapologetically a people carrier – lives on. There are seven seats (with the two at the very back folding into the floor) and inside there's lots of room for children and little cubby holders to stash their stuff.

Most importantly, it has two fairly hefty tables that fold out from behind the front seat – so once I'd set my laptop up on one and positioned the front passenger seat just so, I could clamber into the rear and get to work.

It was – sorry, folk at *Classic Car Weekly* – way more comfy than my office at work once I'd parked up in the shade, settled into my leather throne and flicked on the air con. I could even have the windows open to let a breeze in, but with Peugeot covering each up with nifty little nets none of the bugs outside could fly in, and there was even a brace of cupholders to stop my can of Diet Coke from sliding off and making a mess of the carpets.

Normally I think firmer suspension or a turbocharger can improve a car, but in the 5008 it's WiFi and an on-board fridge

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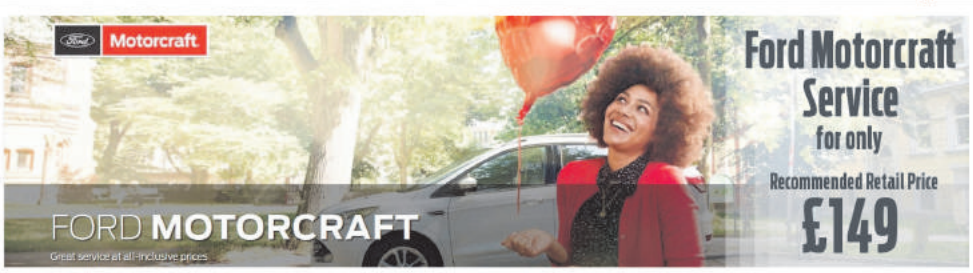

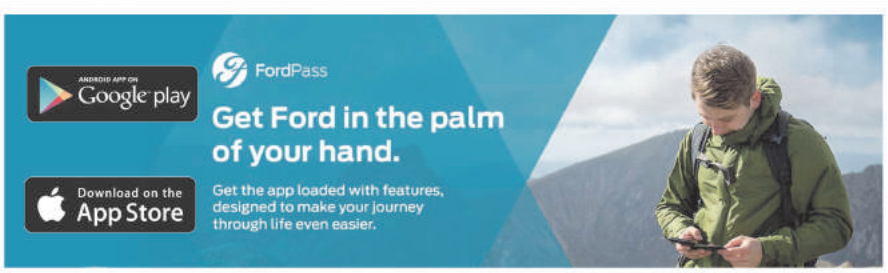
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George pictured receiving his England cap.

George makes debut for England Under19s

ORMSKIRK'S George Lavelle made his debut for England U19's this week in the second Test against South Africa at Chester-le-Street.

THIS weekend's local LDCC fixtures : Highfield v Northern, Leigh v Bootle, Ormskirk v Formby, Ainsdale v Birkenhead Park, Fleetwood Hesketh v Wavertree, Southport & Birkdale v Prestatyn, Wigan v Burscough, Caldy v Southport Trinity, Hightown St Mary's v Sutton and Maghull v Old Xaverians.

Five wicket haul for Hartley as Ormskirk win to stay top of table

ORMSKIRK remain top of Liverpool Competition Premier Division after a 26 run win at Colwyn Bay, *writes Glenn Wallworth.*

Choosing to bat first Ormskirk made a decent start thanks to runs from John Armstrong 46 and Andy Baybutt 29.

Three ducks mid innings then pegged them back from 91-1 to 99-6 before Ryan Maddock 24 Tom Hartley 22 helped Ormskirk to 153 all out, with Paul Jenkins 5-52 and Adam Campion 3-11 doing most of the damage with the ball.

In reply, skipper Sion Morris top scored with 41 as the hosts were dismissed for 127, thanks to another fine spell of bowling from Tom Hartley who in taking 5-41 took his league wickets tally to 43 for the campaign.

Formby sit in third place after a 102 run home win against Leigh.

After electing to bat first Lukman Vahaluwala 64, Sam Oldham 42, Ollie Sutton 36 and skipper James Seward 28 enabled Formby to declare on 227-7.

In reply, Sabbir Patel took 6-47 and Vahaluwala 3-25 as the visitors were dismissed for 125 with Adam Shallcross top scoring with 39.

Northern remain second after a 106 run win at New Brighton.

Northern chose to bat and thanks to runs from Tom Jones 55, Liam Grey 54, Chris Laker 46, Justin Snow 33 and an unbeaten 25 from Jack Boardman were able to declare on 235-5 with Ashraf Nawab taking 3-47.

In reply Alex Sandalls hit an unbeaten 55 and Andrew Clarke made 24, but the rest were largely undone by the spin of Tom Sephton who in taking 7-41 went past fifty wickets for the season to help bowl out the hosts for 129.

Bootle were beaten by five wickets at Rainford, the visitors were asked to bat and eventually declared after 59 overs on 166-9, with Will Hale 56 and Bharat Tripathi 34 scoring the bulk of the runs, whilst Andrew Davies took 5-43 with the ball.

In reply, skipper David Snellgrove made 45 and John Dotters hit an unbeaten 44 as Rainford secured victory on 169-5, with Vishal Tripathi taking 4-30.

Burscough draw high scoring thriller at Birkenhead Park

BURSCOUGH posted a huge 257-7 declared up on the board their Second Divison match at Birkenhead Park, thanks in no small part to a magnificent unbeaten century from Ryan Hughes 138* (inc 17x4 & 4x6).

There were also scores of 29 from Chris Andrews, 31 from skipper Jon Stone and 25 from Navdeep Aujla, whilst Ahmad Abdullah was the pick of the bowlers with 5-87.

In reply, Harry Meehan weighed in with a century for the hosts (105 inc 10x4 &1x6) whilst Mike Barnes 59 and Chris Bells 36 both gave him vital support as the game ended in a tightly fought draw with the host on 256-9 two runs short of victory whilst Burscough were one wicket away, with Andrews taking 3-73.

First Division leaders Southport & Birkdale retained their healthy lead at the top with a 78 run home win against third placed Wigan.

After electing to bat S&B were made to fight hard for their 145 run total, with Adam Galley 31 and Gary Keedy 24 top scoring, whilst Ryan Parry took 3-33 with the ball.

In reply the visitors slipped from 22-0 to 67 all out, thanks in the main to a superb spell of spin bowling by Keedy who claimed match winning figures of 14-7-10-6.

Ainsdale were beaten by four wickets at Liverpool off the last ball of the match.

After being put in to bat the visitors managed to post 154 up on the board, with Brandon Faber 47, Mark Lucas 43 and Joe Lowe 24 scoring the majority of the runs, whilst Northamptonshire's Luke Procter 3-33 and Peter Kelly 3-52 were the pick of the bowlers.

In reply, opener Kunal Mohambray 50 hit a half century, before a few wickets fell leaving Chris Anderson 64* and Jared Clein 2* to take the host to victory on 157-6 off the final delivery of the day.

Burscough face tough start in league campaign

Report by **Neil Leatherbarrow**

Josh Wardle has left Skelmersdale

SKELMERSDALE United and Burscough have been given their fixture lists for the upcoming league campaign.

Last week the Champion highlighted the cup prospects for both clubs, and now we take a look at the league fixtures.

Skelmersdale United supporters will see the biggest change as due to the FA altering the structure of non-league football, Skem will next season play in the Evo-Stik Division One West (last season was Division One North).

As a result there will be no more trips across the Pennines to Yorkshire or up to the North-East; instead the league action will be based on the M6.

New opposition will include Market Drayton Town, Kidsgrove Athletic, Leek Town, Chasetown, and a trip to Newcastle under Lyme.

Burscough will see changes but they are mainly because of promotion and relegation. New opponents to the Linnets will include Whitchurch Alport, Litherland Remyca and Silsden; however the latter two are not entirely new as Burscough played both in cup competitions last season.

Burscough begin on Saturday, August 4 with a home game against Hanley Town, and finish on Saturday, April 27, with the trip to Silsden.

Boxing Day will see Litherland Remyca travel to Victoria Park and there is no game scheduled for New Years Day.

Burscough have not been handed the easiest of starts as their six league games in August will include Bootle and Northwich Victoria at home and City of Liverpool away. They also finish the season with three consecutive away games.

Skelmersdale begin two weeks after Burscough on Saturday, August 18 when Leek Town will travel up from Staffordshire. Tuesday, August 21 sees a run up to Kendal Town followed by an FA Cup tie and an attractive Bank Holiday Monday home game against Runcorn Linnets.

On Boxing Day Skelmersdale have a home game against Prescot Cables and on New Year's Day they go to Runcorn Linnets, with no game on Saturday, December 29. Skem finish the season with a home game against Colne on Saturday, April 27.

It is also worth noting that Skelmersdale United will play their home midweek games on Wednesday nights this coming season.

Burscough are back playing pre-season games and this Saturday, July 21 they are away to Nelson 3pm kick off.

Skelmersdale them travel to St Helens Town tomorrow (Thursday, July 19) before they play Lancaster City away on Saturday, July 21. A date for the Skem diary is Friday, July 27 when they are at home to League Two Morecambe.

Skelmersdale United have announced this week that central defender Josh Wardle has departed to play for Witton Albion.

Josh joined Skelmersdale from Kendal in November and made such a good impression that he was awarded the Manager's Player of the Year at the end of 2017/18. The move is a progression for the player, but he will be missed by Dave Powell's team.

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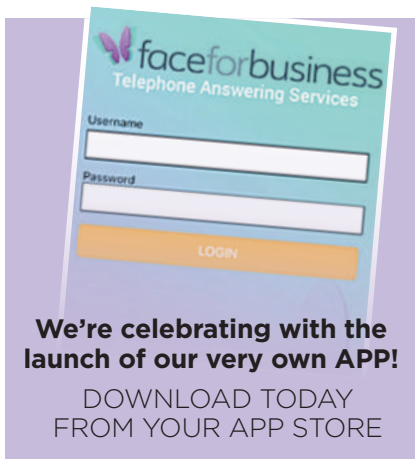

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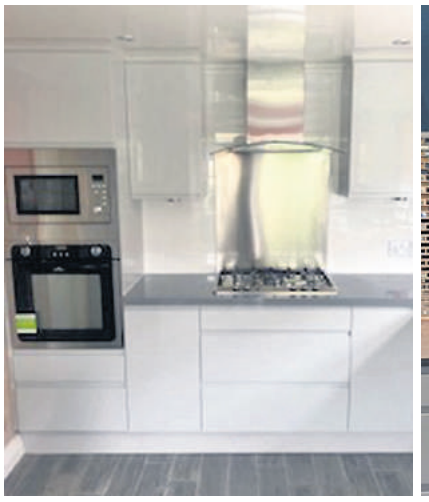

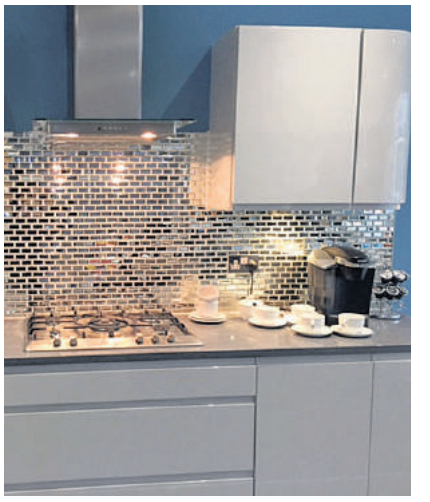

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